


		NTSB ID: ANC01LA034		Aircraft Registration Number: N4390F	
		Occurrence Date: 01/31/2001		Most Critical Injury: None	
		Occurrence Type: Accident		Investigated By: NTSB	
Location/Time					
Nearest City/Place Crooked Creek	State AK	Zip Code 99575	Local Time 1315	Time Zone AST	
Airport Proximity: On Airstrip		Distance From Landing Facility:		Direction From Airport:	
Aircraft Information Summary					
Aircraft Manufacturer Douglas		Model/Series DC-6B		Type of Aircraft Airplane	
Sightseeing Flight: No			Air Medical Transport Flight: No		
Narrative					
<p>Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:</p> <p>On January 31, 2001, about 1315 Alaska standard time, a Douglas DC-6B airplane, N4390F, sustained substantial damage during landing at the Donlin Creek Airstrip, a remote mine site located about 12 miles north of Crooked Creek, Alaska. The airplane was being operated as a visual flight rules (VFR) cargo flight under Title 14, CFR Part 125, when the accident occurred. The airplane was registered to and operated by Everts Air Fuel, Inc., Fairbanks, Alaska. The two certificated airline transport pilots, and the flight engineer, were not injured. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed, and a visual flight rules (VFR) flight plan was in effect. The flight originated at the Fairbanks International Airport, Fairbanks, about 1130.</p> <p>During a telephone conversation with the National Transportation Safety Board investigator-in-charge on February 2, the captain related that the purpose of the flight was to deliver about 4,800 gallons of fuel oil to the remote mining site. He said that the 5,400 feet long by 100 feet wide airstrip was situated within hilly, snow-covered terrain. He added that the airstrip has a 7 percent uphill grade. Flat light conditions existed at the airstrip, and light snow showers were present, with visibility reported at 2 miles. The captain stated that during final approach, as the airplane passed over the airstrip threshold, flat light conditions made it very difficult to discern where the airstrip surface was. He said that the initial touch down was "firm", but was thought to be within acceptable tolerances. Just after touchdown, the left wing broke free from the airplane at the wing to fuselage attach point. The airplane veered to the left, and off the left side of the runway.</p> <p>The captain said that the airplane's computed landing weight was 92,260 pounds.</p>					
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Landing Facility/Approach Information					
Airport Name Donlin Creek Airstrip	Airport ID:	Airport Elevation Ft. MSL	Runway Used 11	Runway Length 5400	Runway Width 150
Runway Surface Type: Gravel; Snow					
Runway Surface Condition: Snow--dry					
Type Instrument Approach: NONE					
VFR Approach/Landing: Full Stop					
Aircraft Information					
Aircraft Manufacturer Douglas	Model/Series DC-6B		Serial Number 44898		
Airworthiness Certificate(s): Transport					
Landing Gear Type: Retractable - Tricycle					
Homebuilt Aircraft? No	Number of Seats: 4	Certified Max Gross Wt.	103800 LBS	Number of Engines: 4	
Engine Type: Reciprocating	Engine Manufacturer: P&W	Model/Series: R2800-CB	Rated Power: 2400 HP		
- Aircraft Inspection Information					
Type of Last Inspection AAIP	Date of Last Inspection 01/24/2001	Time Since Last Inspection 33.5 Hours	Airframe Total Time 37052.7 Hours		
- Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) Information					
ELT Installed? Yes	ELT Operated? Yes	ELT Aided in Locating Accident Site? No			
Owner/Operator Information					
Registered Aircraft Owner Cliford R. Everts	Street Address P.O.Box 60908				
	City Fairbanks	State AK	Zip Code 99706		
Operator of Aircraft Everts Air Fuel, Inc.	Street Address P.O.Box 60908				
	City Fairbanks	State AK	Zip Code 99706		
Operator Does Business As:			Operator Designator Code: EVAB		
- Type of U.S. Certificate(s) Held: None					
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s):					
Operating Certificate:			Operator Certificate:		
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Part 125: 20+ Pax,6000+ lbs					
Type of Flight Operation Conducted:					
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Weather Information					
WOF ID	Observation Time	Time Zone	WOF Elevation <div style="text-align: right;">Ft. MSL</div>	WOF Distance From Accident Site <div style="text-align: right;">NM</div>	Direction From Accident Site <div style="text-align: right;">Deg. Mag.</div>
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition:			Ft. AGL	Condition of Light: Day	
Lowest Ceiling: Broken		2000 Ft. AGL		Visibility: 2 SM	Altimeter: "Hg
Temperature: °C	Dew Point: °C	Wind Direction:			Density Altitude: Ft.
Wind Speed: Calm	Gusts:	Weather Conditions at Accident Site: Visual Conditions			
Visibility (RVR): Ft.	Visibility (RVV) SM	Intensity of Precipitation: Light			
Restrictions to Visibility:					
Type of Precipitation: Snow					

Accident Information					
Aircraft Damage:		Aircraft Fire:		Aircraft Explosion	
Classification:					
- Injury Summary Matrix	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None	TOTAL
First Pilot				1	1
Second Pilot				1	1
Student Pilot					
Flight Instructor					
Check Pilot					
Flight Engineer				1	1
Cabin Attendants					
Other Crew					
Passengers					
- TOTAL ABOARD -				3	3
Other Ground					
- GRAND TOTAL -				3	3

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Administrative Information		
<p>Investigator-In-Charge (IIC)</p> <p>Clinton O. Johnson</p>		
<p>Additional Persons Participating in This Accident/Incident Investigation:</p> <p>James B Porter Aviation Inspector Federal Aviation Administration 6450 Airport Way #2 Fairbanks, AK 99709</p>		
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